



Do politicians play hunger games?



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1. How do these cartoons illustrate the debate over cutting off food aid to low-income people?
2. Democrats and Republicans trade blame for the government shutdown that threatens the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Who attacked political opponents by accusing them of “weaponizing” hunger?
3. Judges ordered the Trump administration to fund SNAP even as the official overseeing the program called it “bloated” and “corrupt.” Should we cut back on giving 42 million Americans about \$6 each to buy food for a day?
4. The first cartoon refers to what famous novel about a poor orphan in an 1800s English workhouse?

Between the lines

“This has sort of shined a light on a program (SNAP) that especially under the last administration has just become so bloated, so broken, so dysfunctional, so corrupt, that it is astonishing when you dig in.” - USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins.

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